Development have already released additional 5 lakhs MT of rice to the State under the Special Component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) during the year 2002-03, as the Food for Work Programme has come to an end on 31-3-2002.

Request for extension of Food for Work Programme

2601. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to extend the Food for Work Programme upto 15th June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government are inclined to accede to this request from the Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) As decided in the meeting of the Group of Ministers (GOM) held on 14th March, 2002, the Food for Work Programme has ended on 31st March, 2002. With effect from 1.4.2002, foodgrains will be provided to districts affected by natural calamities under a special component within the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY).

Primary objectives of SIRDs

2602. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the primary objectives of the State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs);

(b) the details of SIRDs in operation in Jharkhand State, location-wise;

(c) the fund allocated by Government to each of these SIRDs; and

(d) the achievements made by these SIRDs during the last three years?